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Reply To

Attn Of: Coeur d'Alene Field Office  
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Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

Ms. Janet Gallimore  
Executive Director and State  
Historic Preservation Officer  
Idaho State Historical Society  
2205 Old Penitentiary Road  
Boise, ID 83712

RE: Results of a Class I Inventory of the Avery Landing Project Area, Shoshone County, Idaho

Dear Ms. Gallimore:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing for the performance of a removal action at the Avery Landing Site (Site) located in Shoshone County, Idaho. The removal action will mitigate potential human health and ecological exposures to hazardous substances and petroleum hydrocarbons associated with the Site's historical use as a former railroad roundhouse and maintenance facility for the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and Pacific Railroad. The preferred cleanup alternative will likely involve the excavation of the contaminated materials with off-Site disposal of the materials.

A Class I Inventory of the Site was conducted by Applied Archaeological Research, Inc. (AAR). Two copies of the survey report dated 23 December 2010 are enclosed. The assessment of the archaeological potential of the Site was conducted in accordance with the *Basic Guidance for [Section 106] Consulting with the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office*. The information is presented to augment an earlier pre-field Class I cultural resources assessment prepared by Golder Associates Ltd. (dated 22 January 2010) on behalf of Potlatch Land and Lumber, LLC., that was later determined to be deficient (two copies are enclosed).

The AAR survey report along with other project-related documents, were made available for public comment and evaluation for 45 days beginning on 28 January 2011. Additionally, EPA offered formal, government-to-government consultation regarding the proposed cleanup action to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. The State of Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and Potlatch Corporation submitted written comments regarding the project-related documents; however, no comments were received by EPA from any parties regarding the archaeological survey report.

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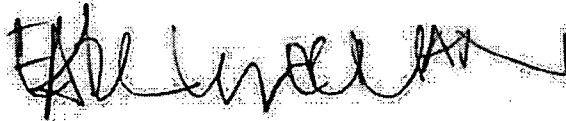
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EPA would appreciate any comments, suggestions, or recommendations your Department can provide regarding the conclusions and recommendations contained within the enclosed AAR report. Please provide any comments to me no later than 29 April 2011.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter, and do not hesitate to contact me at 208.664.4858 or [liverman.earl@epa.gov](mailto:liverman.earl@epa.gov) should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Earl Liverman", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Earl Liverman  
Federal On-Scene Coordinator

Cc: Richard Mednick, EPA